



REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the present amendment responsive to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action of March 29, 2004. In particular, the Examiner on page 2 of the Advisory Action (continuation sheet) mentioned that Applicant's remarks appeared persuasive, but that the amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner went on to state that the language "configured to" merely pointed to the manner in which the claimed apparatus is intended to be used and does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations.

Applicant agrees that the "configured to" language does not constitute a limitation in a patentable sense. Accordingly, Applicants have removed the "configured to" language from claim 1 and the other independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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